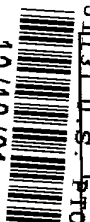
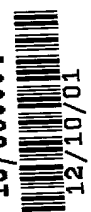


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Transmitted herewith for filing is the patent application of:

Philippe ROUAULT

corresponding to European application No. 00403450.0, filed
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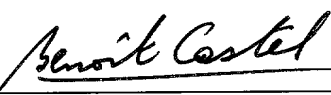
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